

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been forced to make two late changes to their touring party which leaves for Italy on Sunday.

John Delaney, a former Blues' skipper, and Glen Darnell, the Oswestry centre half, have with drawn and Wycombe are hoping to replace them with Staines midfield player Billy Salkeld and former Wanderer Derek Cotterill, who now plays for Woking.

Wanderers are staying for a week in Rimini and have arranged matches against Riccione and either Rimini or Cesena Under 21.

'Free Press' Sports Editor Stuart Earp is among the touring party and will be sending back full details of the matches.

WYCOMBE Wanderers tour of Italy has hit a small snag and it looks as though they will be able to play only one of the two matches they had previously arranged.

Wanderers were due to be in action on Tuesday against Riccione, a Third Division club who are situated only a few miles from Wycombe's base at Rimini.

Riccione, however, are still involved in a fight against relegation and play their final match of the season on Sunday when they need one point to stay in the division. They are understandably loath to risk injury in a friendly and had to cry off.

Wycombe's other proposed opponents, Rimini, are in the same boat but nevertheless a game has been arranged against the Second Division club on Thursday, kick-off 4.30 pm local time.

Cesena under 21 are unable to play as they have appointed a new manager only this week. Cesena were a stand-by match for the Blues.

At first it looked as though they would be out of action all week but the

Rimini game will at least give them some practice.

The journey out on Sunday went smoothly. The weather has been good and to make sure that none of the tourists forgot the jubilee back home a toast was made to The Queen during Tuesday evening in their hotel.

PEARSON'S FUTURE PLANS

Wycombe followers will be interested to hear of Ian Pearson's plans for the future. He has been invited to tour Finland with Millwall next month. He has accepted and will be spending a week at The Den after the tour.

Millwall manager Gordon Jago watched Pearson in action last month when he played for the English non-league team in Bolzano.

Other news is that Bobby Davies and John Priestley have both signed contracts for next season, while Howard Kettleborough may also play the odd game for the Blues.

At the moment, manager John Reardon is still in the process of finalising his squad and no details of new players have been announced.